

1 **RULE 4.1**

2 ***Political and Campaign Activities of Judges and Judicial***
3 ***Candidates* in General***

4 **(A) Except as permitted in this Canon, a judge or a judicial**
5 **candidate shall not:**

6 **(1) act as a leader in, or hold an office in, a political organization;***

7 **(2) make speeches on behalf of a political organization;**

8 **(3) publicly endorse or oppose a candidate for any public office;**

9 **(4) solicit funds for, pay an assessment to, or make a contribution***
10 **to a political organization or a candidate for public office;**

11 **(5) attend or purchase tickets for dinners or other events**
12 **sponsored by a political organization or a candidate for public office;**

13 **(6) publicly identify himself or herself as a member of a political**
14 **organization, except as necessary to vote in an election;**

15 **(7) seek, accept, or use endorsements from a political organization;**

16 **(8) use court staff or make excessive use of court facilities or other**
17 **court resources in seeking judicial office;**

18 **(9) knowingly,* or with reckless disregard for the truth, make any**
19 **false or misleading statement in seeking judicial office;**

20 **(10) make any statement that would reasonably be expected to**
21 **affect the outcome or impair the fairness of a matter pending* or**
22 **impending* in any court; or**

23 **(11) make pledges, promises, or commitments other than the**
24 **faithful, impartial and diligent performance of judicial duties.**

25 **(B) A judge or judicial candidate shall take reasonable measures to**
26 **ensure that other persons do not undertake, on behalf of the judge or**
27 **judicial candidate, any activities prohibited under this Canon.**

28 **(C) Prior to confirmation, a non-judge judicial candidate is not**
29 **required to comply with Subsections (A)(1) or (A)(6).**